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1. At 21⁴⁵ hours EET on 9 or 10 July 1953, informant and fellow PWs of the Ayuta Camp, about 15 to 20 kilometers west of Shakhtyy (N 47-43, E 40-13), observed a fiery gleam in the sky.¹ This gleam appeared to the south and moved across the PW camp toward the north. There was a clear moon and informant observed a cigar-shaped body which emanated fiery balls from its rear end. The fiery ball extinguished at some distance from the flying body, which was about 1½ times the size of the moon as it appeared in the sky. About one minute after the fiery balls were emanated, a rumble was heard and a light percussion was noticed like that produced by the distant detonation of bombs.
2. At 2100 hours on 8 August 1953, informant observed a gleam in the sky. A similar gleam was noticed by fellow PWs at 2300 hours on 8 August and 0100 hours on 9 August. On a starry and moonless night, informant observed a meteor-like body just above the southern horizon. The body was moving to the north toward the PW camp. Informant observed a fiery light having a brownish-red to violet gleam with a tail from which sparks emanated. The flying body grew in size when it approached the PW camp. The course of the body was a straight line. The flight of the body was accompanied by a roar which grew louder when the body approached. Informant noticed that the fiery light extinguished twice when the body was crossing the camp. He therefore believed that the device was driven by a rocket motor which worked intermittently. The flying body itself was not noticed and informant was unable to estimate its height. Informant estimated that the body crossed the camp in 30 seconds, while other PWs believed that this time was 60 seconds.

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I. [] Comment: Possibly Vlasovo-Ayuta (N 47-46, E 40-09).

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